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Pursuant to City Code of Ordinances Title 7, Chapter 3, Article D, Section 7-3-68 and Article E, Section 7-3-81:

The City of Harrisonburg Public Utilities Department will be **SMOKE TESTING** the sanitary sewerage system in Liberty St. and along Blacks Run from West Market St. to Bruce St. on the following dates:

07/31/12– 08/4/12

Our field personnel will be releasing a non-toxic and non-staining test smoke into the manholes to travel through the sanitary sewer in order to detect potential sources of inflow into the City's system. Our field personnel will also be inspecting the exterior of your residence and taking photographs of any exit points of the test smoke. These photographs identify potential areas where inflow may be occurring and aid this department in determining corrective action. You should expect to see smoke released from roof top plumbing vents as this is indicative of a properly installed plumbing system. If a defect is observed on your property the inspection crews will place a flag at the location of the defect and will leave some additional information at your door to inform you of future action required.

To avoid having the test smoke enter your home through unattended drains, please pour or run water into any unused or little-used basement floor, garage floor, sink, or other drain the night before or morning of testing.

If smoke should enter your building during the test, it probably means that there are defects in your plumbing. This is important information for you, as it indicates that dangerous sewer gas may be entering your home. You should note the location of the smoke and contact a qualified plumber for recommendations to remediate the defects. Please open windows or doors to dissipate any smoke that enters the building.

If you have any questions regarding the testing procedure, please contact Marilyn Hartman at 434-9959 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We appreciate your cooperation in this important public program.